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(U) Folsom—Inmate, Four Guards Hurt in Separate California Prison Assaults

(U) Officials say an inmate and four correctional officers were treated at hospitals after separate weekend assaults at three California prisons. The four officers suffered fractures and cuts after unrelated inmate attacks at California State Prison-Los Angeles County and R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego County. At Folsom State Prison, one inmate was sent to the hospital after a fight broke out among 78 inmates in the prison's visiting room. A spokeswoman says the three incidents did not appear to be related.

SOURCE: 30 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Pacifica—Drone Hampers CHP Chopper Rescue Efforts

(U) A 55-year-old man was arrested after he flew his drone near a California Highway Patrol helicopter involved in the rescue of a man who had fallen off a cliff in Pacifica, police said yesterday. Shortly after the CHP crew arrived, first responders noticed the drone hovering near the helicopter, forcing the helicopter crew to suspend the rescue and fly to a higher altitude to avoid crashing into the drone, according to officials. Police were able to quickly track down the drone operator and arrest him on suspicion of impeding first responders at the scene of an emergency, a misdemeanor.

SOURCE: 30 January 2017, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia—iPhone Hacking Tool Could be of Use to 'Hostile Entities', Says FBI

(U) Washington—The FBI yesterday defended its decision to withhold documents on how it unlocked an iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooters, saying the information could be exploited by "hostile entities" if released to the public. The Justice Department earlier this month released heavily censored records in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit from The Associated Press. Redacted information included whom the FBI hired to break into the phone, how much it paid, and how it opened the phone. The Justice Department argued that the information it withheld, if released, could be seized upon by hostile entities who could then develop their own countermeasures.

SOURCE: 30 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) District of Columbia—Travel Ban is Boon for ISIL Recruitment, Say Experts and Former Jihadists

(U) Washington—President Trump's travel ban on seven Muslim-majority nations will be used by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) as a recruitment tool, giving the militant group a major propaganda boost, according to former jihadists. The executive order, which blocks all immigrants and visa holders who are citizens of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Yemen and Somalia, reinforces ISIL's narrative, according to some experts, and sympathizers of Islamist militant groups are already hailing Trump's ban online. According to US-based SITE monitoring service, various extremists have said via social media the executive action unveiled America's "hatred towards Muslims." Trump has stated that the order was not a Muslim ban, despite the policy is being interpreted by some as such.

SOURCE: 30 January 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) New York—Arizona Man Convicted of Helping NYC College Student Join ISIL

(U) New York—An Arizona man who prosecutors said helped a college student from New York City join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) was convicted yesterday of terrorism charges. Ahmed Mohammed el-Gammal, 44, was found guilty after a three-week jury trial and faces up to 55 years in prison after providing information and a contact's phone number to the student, 24-year-old Samy el-Goarany. El-Goarany successfully traveled to Syria in 2015, where he is believed to have been killed that same year. As of Monday, 114 people had been charged in the United States on offenses related to ISIL since the first such arrest in March 2014.

SOURCE: 30 January 2017, [New York Times](#)

(U) Pennsylvania—Man Pleads Guilty in Conspiring to Help ISIL

(U) Harrisburg—A 20-year-old Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty yesterday to trying to help ISIL and to tweeting out a list that identified and targeted people serving in the US military. Jalil Ibn Ameer Aziz, a natural born American arrested in December 2015, used about 70 different Twitter accounts and an encrypted mobile messaging application to spread messages from ISIL and to help people trying to travel to territory it controls. Aziz also published on Twitter an "assassination list" of more than 100 American military personnel that included photos, rank and addresses, along with instructions to kill them. He faces up to 25 years and a \$500,000 fine.

SOURCE: 30 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany—Court Finds Church Robbers Guilty of Financing Jihad

(U) Cologne—A group of eight men between the ages of 35 and 37 were found guilty of taking part in several church and school robberies to allegedly fund fighters in Syria, a German court ruled yesterday. The men, some of who had ties to the Salafist extremist scene, were accused of stealing offertory collection boxes, crosses, chalices and various other objects from churches to raise money, although it could not be proven if a "significant amount" was successfully funneled to Syria. Sentences for the men ranged from two years and seven months to four years and ten months in prison.

SOURCE: 30 January 2017, [Deutsche Welle](#)

(U) Pakistan—Head of Group Linked to 2008 Mumbai Attack Arrested

(U) Lahore—The leader of a Pakistani Islamist group accused of being behind a 2008 attack in Mumbai which killed 166 people was detained yesterday. Hafiz Saeed, who was listed as terrorist by the UN and had a \$10 million bounty placed upon him by the US government, was placed under house arrest by Pakistani authorities. His Jamaat-ud-Dawa group is accused by New Delhi, Washington and the UN of being behind a multiday terrorist attack on the Indian city of Mumbai in 2008, of which it has denied involvement.

SOURCE: 30 January 2017, [Wall Street Journal](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia—Rockets Hit U.N. Yemen Ceasefire Office

(U) Dhahran al-Janoub—A building in southern Saudi Arabia used by United Nations staff to monitor ceasefire violations in Yemen was hit yesterday by Katyusha rockets reportedly launched by Houthi militants. United Nations special envoy Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed did not attribute blame but said it was "especially tragic that this attack took place at a point in time where we are calling for a restoration of the Cessation of Hostilities". There was no mention of casualties in the attack.

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